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SUBJ: CSCE: INFORMATION SUB-COMMITTEE

1. THE DISCUSSION IN THIS SUB-COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING PREDICTABLE LINES, HAS BEEN THE FULLEST AND MOST ELOQUENT OF THAT IN ANY COMMITTEE III SUB-COMMITTEE. WESTERN COUNTRIES, LED BY UK, HAVE SAID THAT THERE IS NO "INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" BECAUSE ALL COUNTRIES AT HELSINKI ENDORSED EXPANDED FLOW OF INFORMATION. EAST HAS DECLARED FIRM INTENTION OF EXPANDING FLOW BYT ONLY OF "GOOD INFORMATION"

2. FRENCH DEL AT FINAL SESSION OF THE WEEK (WITH KOVALEV, DUBININ V AND ANDREANI PRESENT) READ LONG STATEMENT BLUNTLY ASSERTING YHAT EASTERN COUNTRIES WERE LESS OPEN TO OUT-SIDE INFORMATION AND THAT BY NOT RECOGNIZING THIS DISCUSSION TO DATE WAS NOT CLOSING THE GAP. WHILE DECLARING STRONGLY FOR FREEDOM, FRENCH CALLED FOR RECOGNIZING DIFFERENCES IN THE SYSTEMS AND SEEKING REALISTIC WAYS TO ACCOMPLISH DECLARED AIMS. THE NATO
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CAUSCUS AND THE 9 HAD BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE STATEMENT BUT

HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN ADVANCE COPIES. SOME MEMBERS WERE ANNOYED AT WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE A TOO CONCILIATORY TONE AT THIS STAGE. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH A US DELOFF THAT EVENING, ANDREANI SAID THAT FRENCH WANT REAL PROGRESS IN INFORMATION AND WANT TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A PRODUCTIVE BUT VIABLE PACKAGE. US DELOFF AGREED THAT US LOOKING FOR SAME RESULT.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO FRENCH INTERVENTION YUGOSLAVIA TABLED A PROPOSAL THAT WAS IMMEDIATELY PRAISED BY SOVIETS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIETS ALSO CONDEMNED AS OBSTRUCTIVE THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL (GENEVA A-517 NOTAL) TABLED EARLIER. THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL, WHILE MOVING FOREARD FROM THE GENERAL LANGUAGE OF THE BULGARIAN-POLISH PAPER TABLED AT PHASE I, STILL OMITTS ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED FLOW OF INFORMATION IN SUCH KEY AREAS AS DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. SOVIET SUPPORT IS HOWEVER THE FIRST MOVE BY THE EAST AWAY FROM BULGARIAN-POLISH PAPER WHICH IS THEIR POSITION IN COMMITTEE III.

4. TEXT OF YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOLLOWS: QUOTE. IN VIEW OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS 42, 43, 44 AND ESPECIALLY PARAGRAPH 47, THE SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS WITH REGARD TO:

(A) THE PROMOTION OF CO-OPERATION OF THE INFORMATION MEDIA ON A BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS;

(B) THE FORMULATION OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL CODES OF JOURNALIST ETHICS;

(C) THE EXPANSION OF CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES. TOWARDS THAT END, THE PARTICIPATING STATES RECOMMEND TO THE EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION (EBU) AND THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATION (OIRT), TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMITTEE FOR CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH RESPECT TO PROGRAMMES, AS WELL AS TO TECHNICAL AND LEGAL MATTERS;

(D) THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FREQUENCIES ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, CO-OPERATION AND RESPECT OF THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED;

(E) THE FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DECLARATION ON THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON THE USE OF SPACE COMMUNICATIONS, ADOPTED AT THE XVII SESSION OF UNESCO, IN PARIS, IN 1972;

(F) THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATION THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN PRESS AGENCIES (AEPA);

(G) THE EXPANSION OF CONTACTS AND PROMOTION OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS' ORGANIZATIONS;

(H) EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OF ACCESS TO THE OFFICIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR ALL FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, AND INCREASED FACILITIES FOR THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES;

(I) THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH WORK IN THE FIELD OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS PARTICULARLY THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROJECTS;

(J) SECURING THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS SO THAT THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES MAY BE KEPT CONTINUALLY AND FULLY INFORMED IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL MASS MEDIA;

(K) THE ENSURING OF THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS TO BE KEPT CONSTANTLY AND ADEQUATELY INFORMED - IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE - WITH REGARD TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, AS WELL AS TO THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND WORK;

(L) THE INCREASE OF MUTUAL INFORMATION BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES; ON THE ONE HAND, AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON THE OTHER, AND ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION MEDIA OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(M) PERIODICAL MEETINGS OF THE HEADS OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION. UNQUOTE. BASSIN

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